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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the three paragraphs on page 1, lines 7 - 29 as shown below.

This application is related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[\_\_\_\_]] 09/964,999 (IBM Docket No. AUS920010901US1), entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF ASCERTAINING SYSTEMS ACCESSIBILITY BEFORE RUNNING REMOTE COMMANDS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is also related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[\_\_\_\_]] 09/964,998 (IBM Docket No. AUS920010904US1), entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PROVIDING COMMON DISTRIBUTED SERVICES FOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS ENVIRONMENTS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is further related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[\_\_\_\_]] 09/985,002 (IBM Docket No. AUS920010905US1), entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF REPRESENTING REAL-TIME DISTRIBUTED COMMAND EXECUTION STATUS ACROSS DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

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Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 4 - 9 as shown below.

The present invention is directed to a system management software utility. More specifically, the present invention is directed to an apparatus and method of providing a pluggable user interface common to a variety of dissimilar system management software utilities utility.

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